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GOVERNMENT'S MOTION TO SEAL CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND WARRANTS

The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, respectfully requests that the criminal complaint and arrest warrants be and remain <u>under seal</u> for a period through and including December 28, 2007, or until the arrest of the defendants, whichever is sooner, or until further order of this Court.

In support of its motion, the government states that the investigation into criminal activity is continuing and that the disclosure of the information contained in the complaint and the existence of the warrants may have a negative impact on the ongoing investigation, jeopardize its effectiveness, and create an opportunity for the defendants to abscond and destroy evidence.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 19, 2007

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